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Homeless YYA Stakeholder Forum

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May 27, 2014

5/27/2014 | 2 – 3:30pm | Street Youth Ministries | 4540 15th Ave NE, Seattle

Every 4th Tuesday from 2 – 3:30pm.

A monthly opportunity to hear about the changes planned for our homeless youth and young adult system in King County.

Meeting Objectives

- Welcome from Rebecca Laszlo
 - Welcome back to Carrie Hennen
 - Any announcements?
- Summary of recently funded YYA programs & projects
- Share Updates

Summary of recently funded YYA programs & projects

Program	Agencies	Today's Presenter
LGBTQ Homeless Youth Capacity Building Project	The Northwest Network of LGBT Survivors of Abuse	No presentation today, but materials prepared by Shannon Perez-Darby
Clear Path to Employment Program	YMCA	Michelle Hunter
Clear Path to Employment	Friends of Youth & YouthCare	Derek Wentorf & Amanda Launay
Family Reunification Pilot	Catholic Community Services & Friends of Youth	Erin Maguire & Kate Meals
Rental Assistance Program	YMCA	Maurine Worgum



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The Northwest Network of LGBT Survivors of Abuse

Shannon Perez-Darby

LGBTQ HOMELESS YOUTH CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT

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*A Project of the
Northwest Network of
LGBT Survivors of Abuse*

**LGBTQ
HOMELESS
YOUTH
CAPACITY
BUILDING
PROJECT
OVERVIEW**

- *A project of the Northwest Network of LGBT Survivors of Abuse with funding from the Pride Foundation*
- *A 3 year project working with King County homeless youth service providers to support the unique needs of LGBTQ homeless youth in our region*
- *We are currently in the process of creating a cohort of youth serving organizations from across the region to participate in the project*
- *Each organization will receive training and specialized technical assistance to create an organization specific assessment and action plan*

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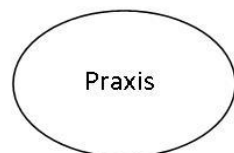
- *The project is currently in it's initial planning phase*
- *LGBTQ (current and former) homeless youth will have direct input in this project through the OutSpoken Leadership and Advisory Group*
- *This advisory group will meet later this month to officially name the project and continue to craft and inform the next phase of the project*
- *The NW Network will be producing and disseminating regular project “briefs” to keep community stakeholders apprised of the progress and key learnings from this pilot project*

LGBTQ Homeless Youth Capacity Building Project

Phase 1

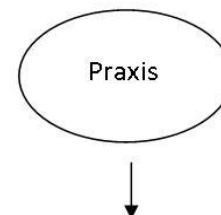
Project Planning
Identify Participating Organizations & Program Champions
Administer Pre-surveys
Complete Organizational Assessments
2 One-Day Training & Strategy Sessions
Disseminate Training & Strategy Session Briefs
Webinars
Phase 1 Post Survey

Phase 2



3 One-Day Training & Strategy Sessions
Disseminate Training & Strategy Session Briefs
Webinars
Phase 2 post survey

Phase 3



3 One-Day Training & Strategy Sessions
Webinars
Disseminate Training & Strategy Session Briefs
End of Project Post Survey & Evaluation
Identify Ongoing Gaps & LGBTQ Youth Access Recommendations

Build the capacity of King County homeless youth service providers to better serve LGBTQ homeless and unstably housed youth

Coordination with the King County Advisory Committee & Comprehensive Plan to End Youth and Young Adult Homelessness

QUESTIONS?

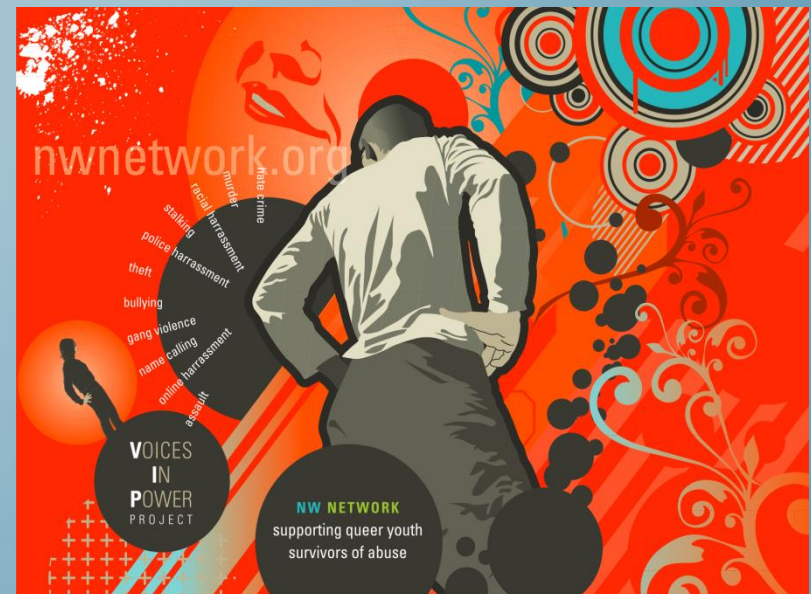
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Michelle Hunter

CLEAR PATH TO EMPLOYMENT



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CLEAR PATH TO EMPLOYMENT

Overview

Clear Path to Employment is a paid work experience opportunity for homeless youth and young adults in Seattle/King County who are between 16-25 years old seeking job readiness, work experience and employment services to gain entry-level employment

Services

- Job search assistance and placement incentives
- Work Readiness Training
- Paid internship \$10.29/hr
- Career Mentor opportunity
- Case Management
- Support Services

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY & REFERRALS

ELIGIBILITY

- Between 16-25 year old currently seeking entry-level employment
- Currently living in housing program within the King County YYA Homelessness continuum
- Case Manage with the aim of obtaining stable housing.
- YYA may be unstably housed, homeless or formerly homeless.
- 12 individuals who identify as part of the LGBTQ community

REFERRAL

Attend Info Session

Apply online at

<http://pugetsoundoff.org/careeracademyapplication>

Contact Michelle Hunter at mhunter@seattleyymca.org or 206.549.3875

CLEAR PATH TO EMPLOYMENT MEASUREMENT

Clear Path to Employment – Serves 32
YYA from April 1, 2014 to March 31,
2015

- ✓ 94% (30/32) will complete a work experience
- ✓ 66% (21/32) will obtain unsubsidized employment

FILLING THE GAPS

Clear Path to Employment goal is to provide job readiness, education and employment services to help youth and young adults become independent and lead a more meaningful and productive lives

- Increase the number of homeless youth and young adults completing work experiences and placed into unsubsidized employment

QUESTIONS

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Clear Path to Employment





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Friends of Youth & YouthCare

Derek Wentorf & Amanda Launay

CLEAR PATH TO EMPLOYMENT

Friends of Youth & YouthCare

Friends of Youth & YouthCare will be working together to provide a clear path to employment for young people ages 16-25.

3 key components:

- Job Club, a staff guided peer support group
- One-on-one staff support to help young people build their employment skills
- Paid internship opportunities and job placements

Program Eligibility

- Resident of Seattle or King County
- Ages 18-25 living in homeless housing program
- Age 16-25 and homeless, unstably housed or formerly homeless
- Accessing case management services with the aim of obtaining stable housing

Measurement

Employability Assessment measures job readiness in 8 skill areas:

- Completing job applications
- Resume and cover letter writing
- Interviewing skills
- Answering difficult background questions
- Job search knowledge
- Professionalism and work ethics
- Employment soft skills
- Job-specific skills or training

Filling the Gaps

Youth and young adults will increase independence and self-sufficiency through participation by increasing their job skills, completing work experiences and obtaining permanent employment.

Provider Contact & Referrals

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FAMILY REUNIFICATION PILOT

Family Reunification

Filling the gaps

“Whenever possible, we should prevent YYA from becoming homeless by promoting family reunification and better systems coordination. Given that most youth return home relatively quickly and often have some connection to their family, family reunification services for YYA at every step in the homeless continuum is critical.”

Comprehensive Plan to Prevent and End Youth and Young Adult Homelessness.

23% of YYA stayed with a family member the night prior.

(2013 Count Us In data)

The goal is to improve the youths’ home-life situation so they can return to a supportive environment. Many homeless youth have connection to family (however they define family) and this intervention seeks to shorten the time YYA’s are homeless and lessens the likelihood that the YYA will become homeless again.

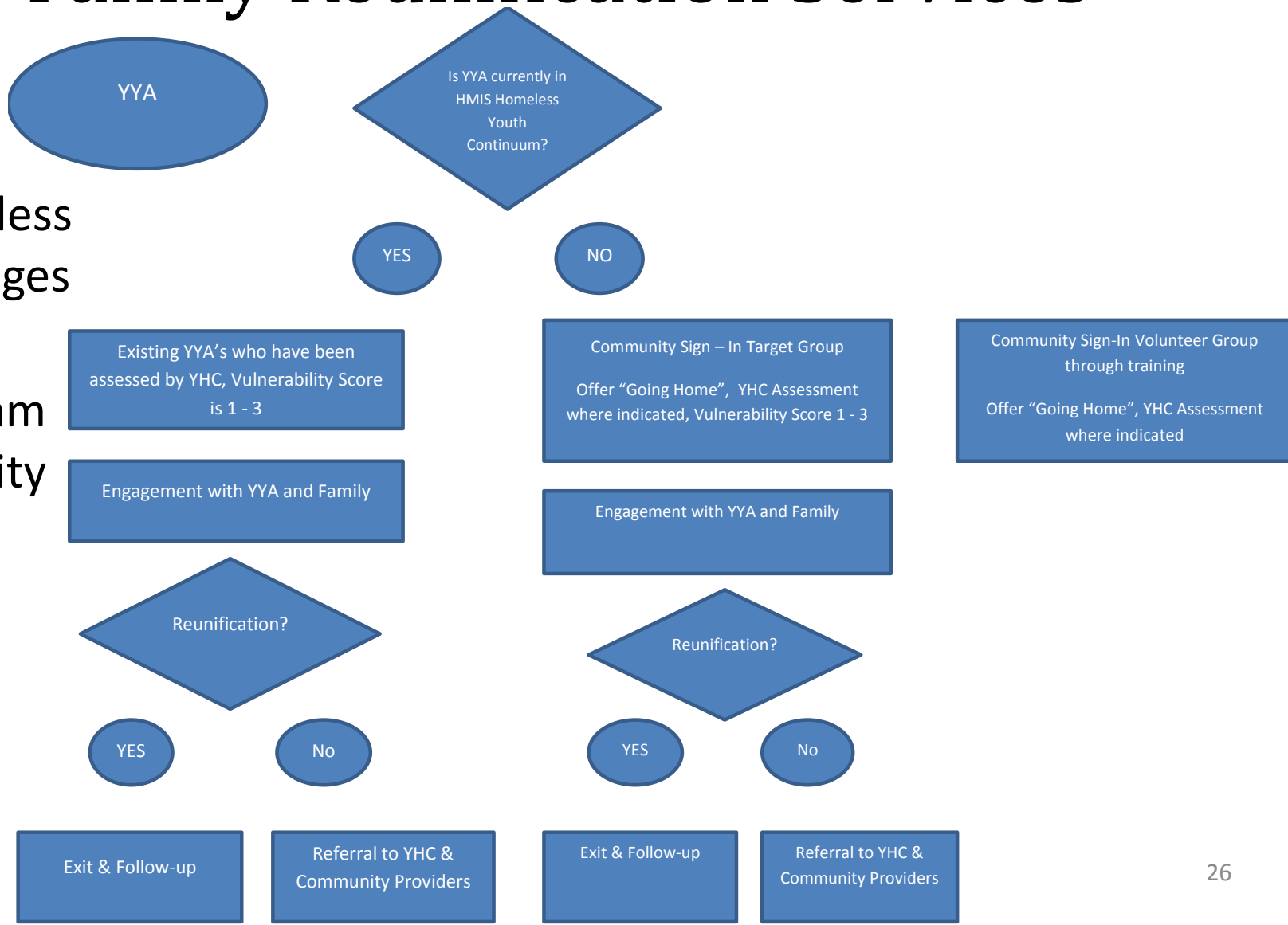
Family Reunification Pilot

Catholic Community Services, the Lead Agency for the Family Reunification Pilot Project, has joined with Friends of Youth to help homeless youth and young adults return home.

- ***Friends of Youth Family Reunification Specialist*** will help youth reconnect with and enlist support from their immediate and extended family and natural supports to end homelessness and begin housing stability with support.
- ***CCS Family Reunification Trainer*** will work with providers to offer training to all youth community providers so that regardless of where young people access services, they can phone relatives and return home. Community training in Going Home best practice begins in August, sign up early and learn family friendly strategies.

Program Eligibility & Referrals

Family Reunification Services



Family Reunification Services Measurement

- **Family Reunification – Serving 50 YYAs annually, service period 1-3 months**
 - 85% (42/50) of youth & young adults (YYAs) will report an increase in connections with families/natural supports at exit
 - 70% (35/50) of YYAs served will exit the program stably housed
 - 75% (26/35) of YYAs who exit the program stably housed do so with family/natural supports or as a result of family/natural support connections
 - 25% (9/35) of YYAs who exit the program stably housed do so with or without family/natural supports
 - 80% (28/35) of YYAs who exit as stably housed will remain stably housed for at least six months post-exit.

Family Reunification Training

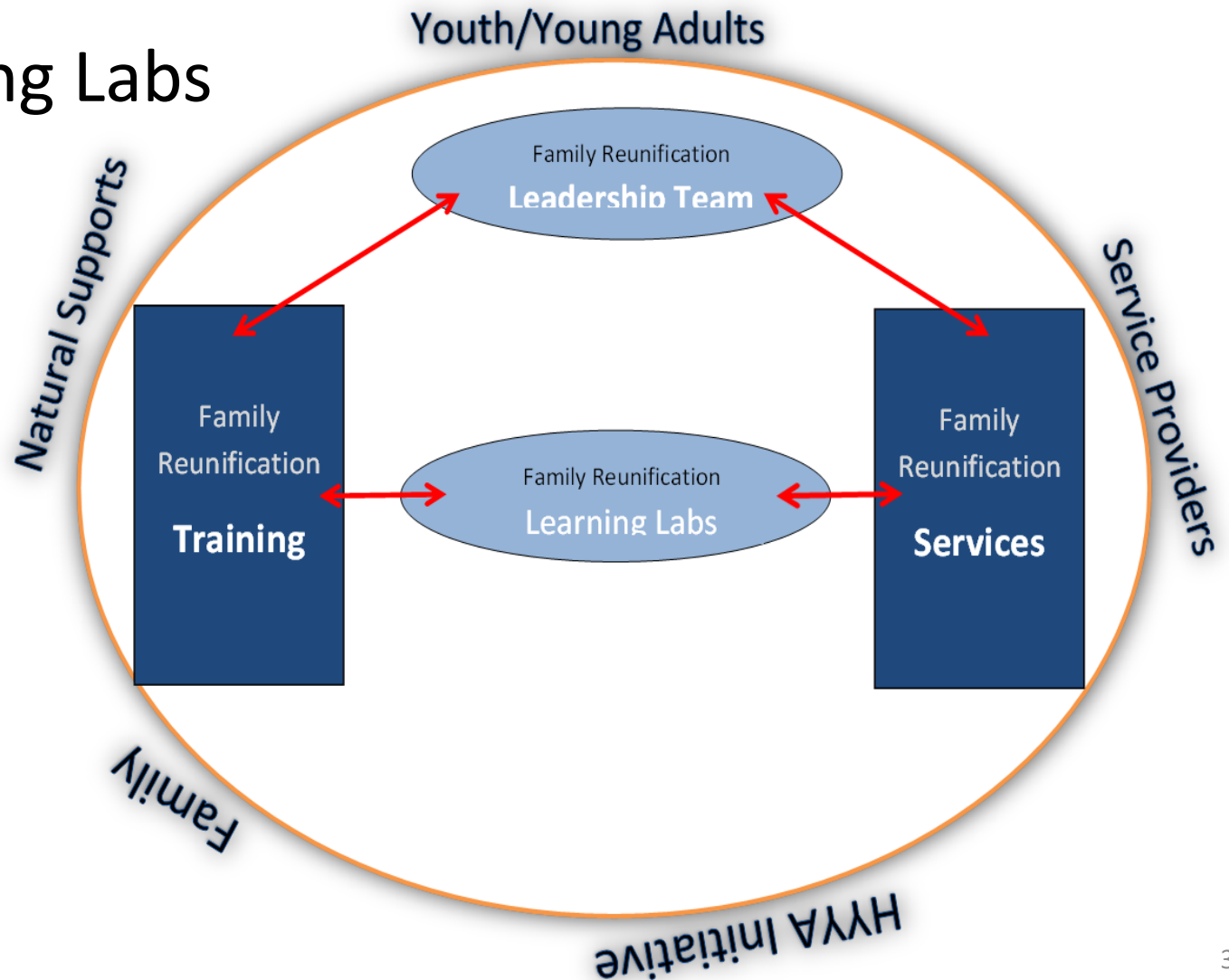
- Offer trainings beginning in August (scheduled at minimum 3 weeks in advance)
- Incorporate research based strategies and learnings from direct implementation of existing programs.
- Topics include:
 - Program philosophy
 - Engaging family and natural supports into reunification
 - Case planning with families and natural supports
 - Safety planning
- Open to YYA service providers, housing providers

Training Measurement

1. Agencies who commit to staff training -
 - Diversion services (“Going Home”) offered to 100% of YYAs who responded “Yes” to “Are you connected with family?”
2. 5% of YYAs who participate in Diversion Services (“Going Home”) will be reunified with family/natural supports prior to enrolling in a homeless housing program (excluding shelter).

Provider Community Info

- Learning Labs





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RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Rental Assistance Program(RAP)

- Rental assistance and housing stabilization support to youth and young adults living throughout all of King County
- New funding is specifically targeted at keeping young people who were formerly homeless from becoming homeless once again



Program Eligibility

- Resident of King County
- Between the ages of 18-25
- Formerly homeless and at risk of homelessness due to emergency/crisis
 - Formerly homeless defined as accessed a housing program in the King County homeless continuum and exited to permanent housing



Measurement

- Youth and Young adults maintain independent housing leading mainly to the benchmark of fewer young adults returning to homelessness
- Youth and Young adults served remain permanently housed three months after receiving their last financial assistance
 - Program target is 80 percent of those served



Filling the Gaps

- Provide short-term housing stability to Youth and Young Adults in King County to assist in maintaining permanent housing
 - Short term financial assistance
 - Goal-oriented case management
 - In-person after-care to assess stability



How to get enrolled

- Attend RAP orientation at the Center for Young Adults at located at 2100 24th Ave S Suite 250, Seattle, WA
- Starting in June:
 - 1st and 3rd Monday from 1-3pm
 - Call 206.749.7550 to sign up for orientation

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- Questions???



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Thank you!

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?